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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, UY

SUBJ: OAS MEETING AND TRADE ACT

REF: A) STATE 11289, B) STATE 9730, C) MVD 157

1. EMBOFF MET WITH SUBDIRECTOR DR. MIGUEL BERTHET, OFFICE OF FOREIGN COMMERCE OF FONOFF. TO DISCUSS TRADE ACT AND FORTHCOMING OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL MEETING THEREON. DR. BERTHET IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOU ANALYSIS OF TRADE ACT.

2. FONOFF APPRECIATED RECEIVING TEXT REQUESTING OASMEETING (REF B). DR. BERTHET'S FIRST REACTION WAS, "THIS IS NOT THE KIND OF MEETING WE WOULD WANT". HE REFERRED TO FONMIN BLANCO'S STATEMENT REPEATEDLY (REF C) AS A CLEAR INDICATION OF GU VIEWS. WHILE FONOFF ANALYSIS HAS NOT DISCLOSED SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR URUGUAY WITH THE TRADE ACT, URUGUAY'S DELEGATION TO OAS MEETING WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO PLAY LOW-KEY ROLE IN THE INTEREST OF LA SOLIDARITY. GOU

WOULD LIKE TO DIVERT OAS MEETING FROM

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ANTICIPATED CONFRONTATION TO INFORMATION-GATHERING EXERCISE. MOST

EFFECTIVE ARGUMENT IS THAT IT IS TOO EARLY TO ASSESS IMPACT OF  
TRADE ACT.

3. IN EFFORT TO REINFORCE POSITIVE GOU ATTITUDE AND RESPOND TO  
ITS REPEATD REQUEST, EMBASSY NEEDS WASHINGTON ANALYSIS AND  
GUIDANCE ON THE ACT, ESPECIALLY COUNTERVAILING DUTIES PER MVD  
0152, AND GSP. SPECIFICALLY, CAN WE TELL GOU OF US PRELIMINARY  
VIEW ONLY OPEC IS COVERED BY CARTEL EXCLUSION (STATE 8935)?  
CAN WE ASSURE THEM FTA PROVISION (SECTION 502 (A)(3)) WOULD  
NOT BE INVOKED WITHOUT CONSENT OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED, AS  
SUGGESTED IN STATE 282967? IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED HERE THAT  
LAFTA OR ANDEAN PACT MIGHT UNWILLINGLY BE COVERED BY THIS  
PROVISION WE UNDERSTAND ANTICIPATED GSP COVERAGE OF PREFERENCES  
IS ONLY 30 ODD PERCENT OF DUTIABLE IMPORTS FROM LA, WHICH SEEMS  
LOW HERE. PRESUMABLY THIS LARGELY REFLECTS EXCLUSION OF PETROLEUM  
(WHICH WOULD BE READILY UNDERSTOOD HERE), BUT WE NEED FIGURES  
TO DEMONSTRATE THIS. WE ALSO NEED COMPARISON OF COMPETITIVE  
NEED FORMULA WITH TARIFF QUOTAS USED BY OTHER GSP COUNTRIES  
SHOWING ADVANTAGES TO LA STATES OF OUR SYSTEM. ANTICIPATED  
EXTENT OF NEW PROVISION RELATING US\$25 MILLION LIMIT TO US GNP  
WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL. DO COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS APPLY TO  
EACH TSUS LINE ITEM INDIVIDUALLY?

4. IF DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE FOREGOING MATERIALS, EMBASSY  
REASONABLY CONFIDENT GOU'S POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS CAN BE  
FURTHER SOLIDIFIED.

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